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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS: UNFDAC HEAD DISCUSSES PROGRAM FOR
AFGHANISTAN

REF: KABUL 3395, 3331

1. DR. STEN MARTENS, ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF UNFDAC
VISITED WASHINGTON MAY 8-10 FOR SERIES OF DISCUSSIONS OF
FUNDING FOR UNFDAC AND U. S. - UN COORDINATION OF NARCOTICS
CONTROL EFFORTS. MARTENS MADE VERY FAVORABLE IMPRESSION ON
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2. DEPARTMENT TOLD MARTENS THAT WE STRONGLY SUPPORT UNFDAC PROPOSED PROGRAM FOR AFGHANISTAN, WE APPLAUD UNFDAC EFFORTS TO INVOLVE OTHER COUNTRIES AND INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS IN COORDINATED EFFORT; WE WILL PARTICIPATE IN THIS INTERNATIONAL EFFORT, AND WE WILL MAKE SUBSTANTIAL BILATERAL CONTRIBUTION IN ENFORCEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT WITH UNDERSTANDING U. S. CONTRIBUTION WILL BE DEPENDENT ON AFGHAN COMMITMENTS AND PERFORMANCE. WE WISH TO BE SUPPORTIVE OF UN PROGRAM AND HOPE UN WILL CONTINUE TO TAKE LEAD IN AFGHAN PROGRAMMING.

3. MARTENS HAS TOLD US HE HAD RECEIVED " REQUEST FOR PREPARATORY ASSISTANCE" FROM RGA AND HE NOW ANTICIPATES FINAL APPROVAL FROM UNNY FOR THIS REQUEST (COPY HAND CARRIED BY HELSETH TO KABUL). HE SAID UN PROGRAM COORDINATOR WILL BE IN KABUL BY JULY 1 AFTER 5 OR 6 WEEKS BRIEFING IN GENEVA. HE EXPECTS STAFFING AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS UNDER DOLLARS 464,000 PREPARATORY ASSISTANCE WILL BE IN PLACE BY TIME LARGE " CONSORTIUM" PROGRAM GETS UNDERWAY LATER IN YEAR. TO MEET THIS SCHEDULE, MARTENS STILL HOPES " CONSORTIUM" WILL MEET IN GENEVA IN JUNE. RGA REQUEST FOR PREPARATORY ASSISTANCE INCLUDES FUNDING FOR AERIAL SURVEY DURING THIS CALENDAR YEAR. UNFDAC HAS FUNDS FOR PREPARATORY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM; MARTENS HAS INSTRUCTED MICUTA TO GET GREENSHIELDS TO PROCEED TO KABUL ASAP TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR SURVEY.

4. DEPARTMENT INFORMED MARTENS THAT SOME AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY OF POPPY FIELDS IN HELMAND VALLEY NOW BEING DONE IN CONNECTION WITH OTHER USAID WORK THERE AND RESULTS MIGHT BE OF USE TO UNFDAC IN MAKING FINAL PLANS FOR BADAKSHAN WORK DURING FLOWERING SEASON BEGINNING ABOUT MAY 20. ALSO TOLD MARTENS OF SOME CONTINUING RGA SENSITIVITY TO AIR SURVEY AS REPORTED KABUL 3331. MARTENS FOUND THIS PERPLEXING SINCE SIGNED " REQUEST" INCLUDES REQUEST FOR SURVEY. MARTENS POINTED OUT HOWEVER, THAT UN DID NOT EXPECT SURVEY THIS YEAR TO PROVIDE COMPLETE RESULTS BUT IS NECESSARY PRELIMINARY TO MORE COMPLETE OPERATION NEXT YEAR.

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5. DEPARTMENT CONTINUES EXPECT EMBASSY AND US AID WILL ASSIST GREENSHIELDS AS NECESSARY IN GETTING ARRANGEMENTS COMPLETED FOR UN AERIAL SURVEY. IT NOT CLEAR FROM KABUL 3395, BUT WE ASSUME AMBASSADOR AND BROWN ALSO PUT IN WORD FOR AIRCRAFT AVAILABILITY FOR UN SURVEY WHEN MADE APPROACH TO GHAZI FOR HELMAND PHOTO OPERATION. RUSH

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